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14 June 1951

MEMORANDUM

TO: General Counsel
Attention: Mr. Houston

VIA: ADMIN

FROM:

SUBJECT:

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1. Reference is made to our telephonic conversation of 12 June. The question is: Can [redacted] return to the United States for home leave and PCS prior to the expiration of twenty-four months after his arrival in [redacted], provided his total time in [redacted] on his two tours of duty is in excess of forty-eight months.

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2. Background notes: [redacted] departed U. S. on 2 April 1947, arrived [redacted] on 4 April 1947, arrived at his [redacted] post on 12 April 1947. Due to official business he could not return for home leave until 18 August 1949. He reported at Headquarters on 1 September 1949 and after leave and TDY Headquarters departed the U. S. for [redacted] 1 November 1949 and arrived at his post in [redacted] on 12 November 1949. On 12 December 1950 he was transferred to [redacted] PCS as Chief of Station. For purely official reasons [redacted] is being recalled to Headquarters to be a Branch Chief on or about 1 September 1951. He is urgently needed here prior to the expiration of his present tour and it will be necessary to return him whether or not he can obtain home leave on his arrival.

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3. Since from the above dates it is apparent that he has spent more than four years in the field and since the only reason he has not completed a second tour of two years is due to the fact again for official reasons that he could not return home promptly at the end of his first tour, it would therefore appear that if he is not given home leave privileges, he will be penalized for official reasons over which he has no control.

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4. It is therefore strongly recommended that home leave for [redacted] be approved on or about the expiration of a total of four years at his posts of duty [redacted]. Actually, as pointed out above, he will remain longer than four years, since he will not return until the latter part of August or early September.

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